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FOR FAS, DEPT. OF AGRICULTURE--INFO

1. SOVIET AGRICULTURAL ATTACHE GAVVA CALLED BRIEFLY ON CHAIRMAN FOLEY JULY 16 AND IN ABRUPT REVERSAL OF SIGNALS REGRETTED THAT VISIT CANNOT BE ARRANGED FOR THIS SUMMER. GAVVA DID NOT GO INTO REASONS EXCEPT TO REFER TO GREAT NUMBER OF DELEGATIONS VISITING USSR AND TO SUGGEST THAT AFTER ALL THERE WOULD BE LITTLE FOR CODEL TO SEE SINCE "EVERYTHING WOULD ALREADY BE CUT."

2. GAVVA ASSURED FOLEY THAT SOVIETS WANT TO DO RIGHT BY CODEL, PARTICULARLY IN ARRANGING MEETINGS WITH APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS IN USSR, AND SUGGESTED THAT PLANNING RESUME EARLY NEXT YEAR FOR COMMITTEE VISIT IN LATE JUNE OR EARLY JULY.

3. IN PUTTING CODEL FOLEY TO BED FOR THIS YEAR YOU MIGHT MENTION TO FEDOSEYEV THAT FOLEY APPRECIATES COMPLEXITIES SOVIETS FACE IN ARRANGING FOR VISIT BY GROUP OF THIS SIZE,
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NATURE AND INTERESTS, AND THAT COMMITTEE IS LOOKING

FORWARD TO MAKING TRIP IN 1976 (PERHAPS DURING JULY 4 RECESS).

4. FYI. ALTHOUGH GAVVA CLEARLY INDICATED TO FOLEY (POAGE WAS NOT PRESENT) THAT SOVIETS PREFER TO PUT OFF OFFICIAL VISIT BY ANY COMMITTEE MEMBERS UNTIL NEXT YEAR, IT APPEARS AT THIS POINT THAT POAGE WILL PUSH AHEAD WITH HIS VISIT, ON PRIVATE BASIS IF NECESSARY. FOLEY WILL NOW JOIN CODEL ALBERT. END FYI. KISSINGER

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